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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. On 15 December 1953, the concentration camp at Weimar-Buchenwald was occupied by about 350 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 8 December, about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets unloaded blankets in the billeting area. Motor vehicles identified in traffic to and from the installation 1

2. On 7 January 1954, the Flak Kaserne in Weimar was occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some of the soldiers wore artillery insignia. On 8 December, about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged in entrenching work in the training area west of the installation. On 18 December, about 70 soldiers received basic infantry training. Motor vehicles at the installation.

3. On 15 December, the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne quartered about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered black epaulets or black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 18 December, about 18 trucks practiced driving in the Ettersberg hill area.

4. On 15 December, the western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by about 350 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 8 December, about 200 soldiers left the installation toward the Luetzendorf Kaserne. Motor vehicles

5. On 15 December, the east section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne quartered 300 to 350 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 8 December and 2 January about 40 to 150 soldiers received basic infantry training or practiced aiming in the barracks area. Truck at the installation.

6. On 15 December, the middlemost section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne quartered about 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, about 100 uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets and about 75 MVD soldiers who wore green service color. On 2 January, about 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered epaulets practiced with 50-mm mortars and received basic infantry

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training and about 40 uniformed women engaged in athletic exercises. On 6 January, about 60 soldiers received close-order drill in the barracks area. Truck [] in the barracks area.

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7. On 15 December, the west section of the Lutzendorf Kaserne housed a hospital. Motor vehicles [] in traffic to and from the installation.

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8. On 15 December, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets. On 21 December, about 80 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets engaged in basic training and practiced aiming in the barracks yard. On 28 December, about 40 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets trained with 4 x 82-mm mortars. About 30 soldiers engaged in excavation work between the garages along the fence on Duerer Strasse. Motor vehicles [] were [] in traffic to and from the installation.

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9. On 15 December, the Fliegerhorst Nohra quartered an army headquarters. No activity was noticed in the billeting area. []

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10. On 22 December, 2 trucks carrying about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing two trailers and mounting 2x82-mm mortars and 2 x 120-mm mortars arrived at the target ranges on Ettersberg. Troops subsequently received instruction and training in aiming. On 30 December, about 50 ~~Versammler~~ engaged in record service practice with rifles and machine guns at the target range, supervised by two Soviet officers.

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11. On 30 December, Motor vehicles [] were [] in traffic to and from the Weimar komendatura.

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12. On 28 December, 12 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets piled up posts near the Belvedere transforming station. Eight soldiers engaged in athletic exercises on 4 January. [] loaded with cable reels, was seen. On 4 December, soldiers were still engaged in excavation work near the Nohra ammunition depot. The tents were torn down and the earth bunkers were provided with roofs of roofing felt. A new underground cable ran from the south gate of the Fliegerhorst to the ammunition depot. Four well-camouflaged AA guns of 85 mm were emplaced about 500 meters northwest of the installation. []

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13. At the beginning of January, source determined that about 120 Soviet dependents had arrived in Weimar since Christmas.

14. On 12 January, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops who were signal insignia. No training activity was noticed. Vehicular traffic was low. []

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15. On 12 January, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity or vehicular traffic was observed.

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16. On 12 January, Fliegerhorst Nohra housed an army headquarters.

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17. In early January, source determined that 200 officers' wives arrived in Weimar. About 160 of them were quartered in the barracks installation. Kitchens, each with six gas hearths for six families were established.

18. On 7 January, the Flak Kaserne quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed.

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19. On 7 January, the Luetzendorf Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops. There was only little training. The following motor vehicles were in traffic to and from the installation:

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Source determined that the motor vehicles no longer used the gate of the Luetzendorf Kaserne. They entered the installation through a gate between Luetzendorf and Tannenberg Kaserne and then turned to the individual installations.

20. On 7 January, the Tannenberg Kaserne quartered 700 to 800 troops, some of whom wore motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed. 2

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1. Comment. The 19th Indep Gds Engr Bn was confirmed by two sources in the Buchenwald concentration camp when it returned from the fall maneuvers in October 1953.

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2. Comment. The occupation of the other installations has previously been commented on. The present report only confirms the Hq Eighth Gds Army in Weimar-Nohra. The statements by the first source on troops with black-bordered black epaulets training with mortars are not given credence. Although the two installations quarter engineer units and signal units, no mortars have so far been observed with these branches of service.

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